

Jarvis Memorial



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Celebrating the Good News of Jesus Christ

Reflections: Easter Sunday

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When [the women] returned from the tomb, they reported all these things to the eleven and all the others. (Luke 24:9)

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Record of Faithfulness (through March 31, 2017)

- Operating Budget: \$1,385,000
- Total Contributions: \$336,828
- Total Spent in pursuit of mission: \$331,630
- Total Indebtedness: \$435,806

None of the biblical accounts explains how the Resurrection took place. The Gospel writers say nothing about how the stone was rolled away or what happened to bring Jesus back to life. Did his heart just begin beating and the other organs gradually restart? Did the Resurrection occur instantly or over a period of several hours?

None of these questions is answered. The scripture simply tells us that people at Jesus' tomb were seeking the living among the dead. Perhaps the Bible is telling us something important by leaving out the details: God is at work even when we can't see God in action. God is still doing something when we think God is done. Most importantly, the Easter story communicates by its lack of detail that we don't have to understand how God works in order for God to work.

The women who went to the tomb on Easter morning expected to find a dead body. They did not expect a miracle but kept living faithfully and demonstrated their devotion. In the process, they experienced renewed hope and ran to share it with others.

Even when we don't feel like it, we can act on our faith, serve others, give generously, and worship faithfully. In this way, we put ourselves in a position to experience what God can do—what God is already doing.

From *The Upper Room*

Congratulations to the 2017 Confirmands:

Dillion Noah Bass
Max Oscar Begelman
Charles O'Brien Blizzard
Lauren Alexandra Burke
Ryan Michael Gillikin
Mary Elizabeth Hutchinson
Jordan Katherine Lewis
Makenzie Nicole Lewis
Brooke Elaine Stancil



The Missionary Community: Life in the Arabian Peninsula

This anonymous account comes from a missionary family who must protect their identity due to the places in which they serve.

I gained my faith in the Lord while growing up in Greenville. I now live in the Arabian Peninsula with my young family. Our goal is to see the story of the redemptive love of Jesus brought to this region and see the lost given an opportunity to hear about Christ, study his Word, and commit their lives to following him. We do this by living our daily lives in a city where the local population essentially has no Christians and are considered unreached with the gospel. The term “unreached” means there is currently no local church of believers who can share about Jesus with their own people. The vision the Lord has placed in our hearts is to see the local people come to faith in Jesus, begin to share about him and disciple their own people. Because of the nature of this country, we have to have local jobs in order to remain in the country. These jobs provide us a contextual reason to be in the country and also gifts us with many relationships with locals who often become our friends. Through our friendships with locals, we seek to live out Christ’s love and also speak about Him and our faith in Him as much as possible. It is through these conversations that we start to teach people more about Jesus and His love. The work we do in the Arabian Peninsula is an exercise in patience and trust in the Lord but we are confident in God’s love for the people there and we believe in his ability to welcome these people into his kingdom.

Our Community: Shepherd's Helpers

Jarvis Memorial's own Shepherd's Helpers would like to send a big thank you to the following folks for installing and removing temporary wheelchair ramps in the county. Our most recent volunteers are: Jim Kelly, Larry Hagler, Van Fleming, Bob Griffin, John Hart, Wayne Nottingham, BJ Myers, Henry Parker, Art McMillan, Jim Campbell, Sam McDonald, Linda Clark, Ralph Shumaker and Hilda Alford. If you or someone you know has a need of a ramp, call Hilda Alford at 714-6490.

In addition to installing temporary wheelchair ramps, the Shepherd's Helpers ministry collects and loans durable medical equipment. The “cupboard” is empty except for one walker. If you have wheelchairs, tub transfer benches, potty chairs, walkers (please include foot rests), rolators or other gently used equipment that you no longer use, we would like to have it to share with those in need. For more information, call Jim Kelly at 481-2712. They will be glad to pick up any of the aforementioned items for donation.

Future Events: Mark your Calendar

- * **Family Sail Day at Camp Don Lee** - Saturday, April 29 from 10 am to 3 pm. All families of all ages with children, youth, or no kids at all are invited to attend. Cost is \$25 per adult and \$10 per child ages 1 to 18 (children 12 months and younger are free!) Lunch and staffed activities will be provided. Deadline is Tuesday, April 25. To register go to: www.jarvis.church/children/
- * **The Blessing of the Animals** - Sunday, April 30 from 2 to 4 pm. Bring your pet for a special blessing and a treat while we help The Humane Society with donations to help care for abandoned animals.
- * **Pastor's Reading Circle** - Sunday, April 30 at 6:00 pm in the Conference Room. We will discuss Bishop William Willimon's book, Fear of the Other. Everyone is welcome to participate.
- * **Pilgrimage Pictures** - Sunday, May 7 from 4:30 to 5:30 pm in the Chapel. Pastor Liz will be sharing her pictures from her last pilgrimage to the Holy Land.
- * **First Chance for White Pants** - Thursday, June 1 from 6 to 10 pm at the Greenville Hilton. To purchase tickets, go to: www.mhfc.org/calendar-event/

Thoughts From Pastor Liz

Thank you, Welcoming Ministry, for a great meeting at the start of Holy Week. All four teams—Invite, Welcome, Connect and Encourage and Empower—were well-represented. We also had someone new join the Connect Team. Thanks, Dixie Wilson!

We continue to grow in our efforts to be as welcoming as possible. During the meeting on April 10, each team shared about the great steps they have already undertaken and also what they plan to accomplish soon. The Invite Team shared about their success at PirateFest to engage the community and invite them to Jarvis Memorial. In the future, the Invite Team hopes to reach out to college students at The Boundary nearby and provide them with water and snacks in their study room. Cool! The Welcome Team is recruiting greeters for Sunday morning services and making sure first-time guests receive a homemade treat before they leave. Yum! A next step for this team is to write these first-time guests to thank them for attending. The Connect Team just sponsored a six-week Bible study entitled *A Disciple's Path* on Wednesday nights. One newcomer attended, along with several Jarvis members. This team will host a second Information Coffee this Sunday, April 23, at 10 am to introduce interested guests and members to all of the ways they can get involved at Jarvis. Awesome! Last but certainly not least, the Encourage and Empower members spoke about their work to encourage our college students with handwritten notes. Each member is pitching in by writing three notes. This team plans to send out an end-of-summer postcard to welcome everyone to Jarvis and let them know that Jarvis is there for them. Yay!

As you can see, our Welcoming Ministry is making important progress in every facet of this ministry. **To continue our growth, I will meet with all of our Team Leaders together on Tuesday, May 9, at 5:30 pm in the Parlor.** I look forward to this time with our Welcoming Ministry leadership. Thanks for all you do to lead our four teams and make sure everything stays on track!

You are invited to hear Pastor Liz share about her recent pilgrimage to Israel and Palestine on Sunday, May 7, 2017, 4:30-5:30 pm in the Chapel. Please come to see pictures and learn about Pastor Liz's experiences in these holy lands. Hope to see you then!

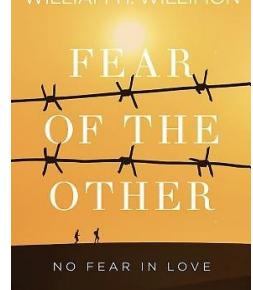
Book Review:

Fear of the Other

Are you interested in looking carefully at your opinions and even your fears regarding the “other?” If so, check out a new, thought-provoking addition to the library, *The Fear of the Other* by William Willimon. Accompany Bishop Willimon on the journey of self-examination in light of the Scriptures. I found the journey both challenging and humbling.

Mary Jolley

WILLIAM H. WILLIMON



The Congregation and Staff of Jarvis UMC wish to extend their sincerest sympathy to:

- Ralph and Sharon Shumaker upon the death of his brother, Ron Shumaker, who passed away on April 9.
- The family of Peggie Stox, who passed away on April 8.
- Mike and Jennifer Gillikin, upon the death of Mike's father, Lowell Thomas Gillikin, who passed away on March 31, 2017.
- John and Hope Stanfield, upon the death of Hope's father, Wesley Stoner, who passed away on March 26, 2017.
- Roberta Peterson, upon the death of her mother, Mary Ashcraft, who passed away on March 21, 2017.
- Jim and Anne Whitehurst upon the death of her mother, Agnes Pennington, who passed away on March 20, 2017.
- Todd and Jennifer Dellinger, upon the death of Todd's father, Kirby Dellinger, who passed away on March 17, 2017.



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Chancel Choir Reaches Out

Recently, the Chancel Choir visited Brookdale Nursing Facility to share fellowship, music, and the peace of Christ with the residents. Reaching out in the name of the living Christ does indeed bring joy to the giver as well as the receiver.



Calendar Events

Apr. 25	Admin. Council	May 7	Children's Sabbath
7:00 pm	TCLC Flex Space		
Apr. 28	Men's Prayer Breakfast	May 12	Men's Prayer Breakfast
7:00 am	Cypress Glen	7:00 am	Cypress Glen
April 29	Sailing Weekend	May 13	2nd Saturday Sewing
10 am-3 pm	Camp Don Lee	9:00-1:00 pm	Flex Space
April 30	Animal Blessing	May 14	Mother's Day
2 pm-4 pm	Front Lawn		
May 1	JOY Club Lunch	May 21	Youth Sunday/Lunch
12:15 pm	Taft Christian Life Ctr.	10:55 am	Sanctuary/Gym
May 2	Retired Men's Group		
9:30 - 10:30 am	Parlor		
May 5	Men's Prayer Breakfast		
7:00 am	Cypress Glen		
May 7 Communion (All Services)			

Newsletters Mailed May 25

We're on the Air

If you are unable to attend a Sunday service, you may listen to the 10:55 am service live broadcast over WAGO-FM 88.7, 91.1, 97.7, 100.5 and 101.1.